1	2	3
5.	Ministry of Railways	1
6.	Ministry of Finance	1
7.	Ministry of Urban Development	1
	TOTAL:	160

Performance of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

†*245. SHR KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is satisfied with the performance of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) whether Government is aware of the poor allocation for this Scheme; and

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has been progressing satisfactorily, particularly in reducing the number of out of school children in the 6-14 years age group from 3.20 crore in 2001-02 to about 75 lakhs in 2007 and augmenting school infrastructure wherein *inter alia* 1.18 lakh school buildings, 4.05 lakh additional classrooms have been constructed and 7.95 lakh teachers recruited by 31.3.2007.

To continue the momentum in the programme, an allocation of Rs. 10671 crore has been made in the Central Government's budget for the year 2007-08 and the Centre-State funding pattern for the Xlth Plan period has been modified in the raio of 65:35 for the year 2007-08 & 2008-09, gradually tapering off to a 50:50 ratio in the last year of the Xlth Plan for all States except the North Eastern (NE) States, where for the latter the sharing pattern will be 90:10, with the Central Government's share being resourced from the 10% earmarked funds for the NE States under SSA's Central Government budget.

Information Technology and Engineering Colleges

*246. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to set up Information Technology and Engineering Colleges in Sikkim;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such colleges proposed to be set up in the State during 2007-08; and

(d) the details of steps taken by Government, so far, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set-up Centrally funded Information Technology and Engineering Colleges in Sikkim.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.